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TAGS: ETRN, EAID, NI

SUBJECT: FAA SURVEY OF NIGERIAN CIVIL AVIATION

REF: (A) STATE 130949 AND 131486; (B) LAGOS 4264

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN JULY 16 CONVERSATION MOT DEPPERMSEC FRANCIS OBI REPEATED THAT MOT ANXIOUS PROCEED URGENTLY WITH FAA SURVEY AND SAID THAT IN INTERESTS OF SPEED MOT WILLING AGREE TO DIRECT MOT FINANCING. OBI ASKED TO HAVE DRAFT AGREEMENT COVERING PROPOSED FAA SURVEY AND EMBODYING TERMS OF REFERENCE SUBMITTED REFTEL (B) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY CONVEYED SUBSTANCE REFTELS (A) TO OBI JULY 10 AND IN LETTJ DATED JULY 13 OBI REPLIED AS FOLLOWS:  
"WE HAVE NOTED THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED THROUGH THE EMBASSY BY THE FAA AND WOULD REQUEST THEM TO PROVIDE US URGENTLY WITH A DRAFT AGREEMENT TO UNDERTAKE THE PROPOSED STUDY. THE DRAFT AGREEMENT WOULD PROVIDE A BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION IF NECESSARY. I SHALL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL TRANSMIT THE CONTENTS OF THIS LETTER TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON TO ENABLE US CONCLUDE THE REQUIRED AGREEMENT WITH THE FAA WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY."

3. IN ORDER TO MAKE CLEAR USG PREFERENCE FOR DIRECT  
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PAYMENT FROM MOT RESOURCES AND CLARIFY MOT INTENTIONS ON

FINANCING, AID DIRECTOR AND ECON COUNSELOR CALLED ON OBI JULY 16. OBI AT FIRST TOOK LINE THAT ESTIMATED 98,000 DOLLARS RELATIVELY MINOR AMOUNT AND QUESTION OF FINANCING LESS URGENT THAN EARLY SUBMISSION DRAFT AGREEMENT TO MOT AND EARLY INITIATIONS OF SURVEY. HOWEVER, IN FACE OUR INSISTENCE THAT CLARIFICATION FINANCING IMPORTANT FIRST STEP, OBI SAID THAT MOT WILLING AGREE TO DIRECT MOT FINANCING AND WE COULD SO INFORM WASHINGTON. HE ALLUDED AT ONE POINT TO POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE OF USING BLOC GRANT BUT DID NOT RPT NOT PURSUE.

4. WE RAISED WITH OBI ALTERNATIVES MENTIONED PARA 4 REFTEL (A), BUT HE DID NOT WISH TO INDICATE NIGERIAN PREFERENCE AT THIS TIME. IN RESPONSE OUR QUESTIONS, OBI ACCEPTED ASSUMPTIONS PARA 6 REFTEL REGARDING MOT PROVISION OFFICE SPACE AND LOCAL TRANSPORT.

5. OBI SUMMED UP THAT HIS MAIN CONCERN NOW WAS TO HAVE EARLY SUBMISSION OF FAA DRAFT AGREEMENT AND TO GET ON WITH SURVEY. HE ADDED THAT AT LATER STAGE, THAT IS, IF AND WHEN FMG PROCEEDS TO IMPLEMENT EXPECTED FAA RECOMMENDATIONS, QUESTION OF EXTERNAL FINANCING WOULD ARISE, BUT HE DID NOT PURSUE.

6. COMMENT: OBI'S READY AGREEMENT TO DIRECT MOT FINANCING CAME AS SOMETHING OF SURPRISE, BUT IN FACE OF IT, BALL NOW SEEMS IN OUR COURT.  
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